

## SECDEF meets 2nd ACR Dragoons, views ICDC

**Story and photo by Capt. Sean P. Kirley, 2nd ACR Regimental PAO**

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- The Office of the Secretary of Defense sent word to the military leadership in Iraq earlier this month: The Hon. Donald Rumsfeld, U.S. Secretary of Defense, was coming to Iraq, and he specifically wanted to see the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The communiqué continued: The Secretary of Defense, in addition to meeting with the Regiment's troopers, was interested in seeing the Iraqi Civil Defense Academy at Camp Muleskinner.

The Hon. Rumsfeld arrived at Camp Muleskinner at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 24 with 35 people in his entourage, including Lt. Gen. John Craddock, the senior military advisor to the Secretary of Defense.

The 2nd ACR's ICDC academy has trained more than 1,500 new guardsmen who have been integrated into operations in support of their country and communities.

The cadre at the ICDC Academy is made up predominately of Dragoon and 1st Armored Division NCOs and Soldiers.

The Secretary of Defense wanted to see how well Iraqis were responding to the call from the world to take charge of their country.

Upon arrival by helicopter, Col. Brad May, the regimental commander, and Lt. Col. Jack Curran, regimental support squadron commander, greeted Mr. Rumsfeld.

On hand for the event was Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey, 1st Armored Division commanding general, Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, assistant division commander for support, and brig. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, assistant division commander for maneuver.

The secretary was given an overview briefing on the state of security in Baghdad. Information presented included discussions on the Iraqi contingency and reports on the ICDC and the Iraqi Police Service.

Mr. Rumsfeld said he was pleased with the course of action in training the Iraqi volunteers and the numbers of ICDC soldiers and police officers that are projected to be available to serve their country in the near future.

The next stop was the ICDC Academy.

The secretary spent about 30 minutes touring the facility, talking with the cadre, and lauding the ICDC trainees for their service.

"I am so proud of you all for what you are doing



**U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld meets with Iraqi Civil Defense Corps soldiers at Camp Muleskinner during a tour of the facility Feb. 24. The secretary also met with Soldiers of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment "Dragoons".**

for your country," he said. "The future of Iraq is in your hands."

He also complimented the cadre for their tireless work, presenting many of them with his official commemorative coin. He spent about 10 minutes posing for pictures and talking with the large group of Soldiers that had gathered outside to see him.

"He was very cool," said one Soldier. "Sometimes these guys get so involved with stuff way above our heads that what it means to us that he actually came out here gets lost in translation. You could tell he is proud of us and that means a lot."

As the 2nd ACR Dragoons prepared to come home to Fort Polk, La., after a year in Baghdad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, little surprises the troopers these days.

They have seen and been through so much working with the people of Baghdad and making life better for them. The Soldiers have worked hard making the camps that they operate from a comfortable, safe place for follow-on troops.

Within a span of six days, President George W. Bush visited Fort Polk and the secretary of defense saw it fitting to visit the Soldiers serving forward in Iraq.

## **NEWS...**

### **FBI, CIA Heads Outline World Terror Threat**

WASHINGTON (AP) - CIA Director George Tenet said Tuesday that the al-Qaida terror group is seriously damaged but has spread its radical anti-American agenda to other Islamic extremist groups that now pose the greatest threat to the United States. "The steady growth of Osama bin Laden's anti-U.S. sentiment through the wider Sunni (Islamic) extremist movement, and the broad dissemination of al Qaida's destructive expertise, ensure that a serious threat will remain for the foreseeable future - with or without al Qaida in the picture," Tenet told the Senate Intelligence Committee in his annual assessment of global threats.

### **Haitian President Appeals for World Help**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - President Jean-Bertrand Aristide appealed Tuesday for the world to come to Haiti's aid, warning that thousands of deaths and a wave of boat people could result from political chaos. "Should those killers come to Port-au-Prince, you may have thousands of people who may be killed," Aristide said. "We need the presence of the international community as soon as possible."

### **Bin Laden Lieutenant Taunts Bush on Tape**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) - Audiotapes purported to be from Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant aired on Arabic TV stations Tuesday, one taunting President Bush and threatening more attacks on the United States, the second criticizing France's decision to ban Islamic headscarves in schools. Portions of separate audiotapes attributed to Ayman al-Zawahri were broadcast a few hours apart on Al-Arabiya and Al-Jazeera, competing pan-Arab satellite channels based in the Persian Gulf. Officials at both stations said they had aired only excerpts judged newsworthy. The two stations said they had received different tapes.

### **Bush to Back Gay Marriage Ban Amendment**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Jumping into a volatile election-year debate on same-sex weddings, President Bush on Tuesday backed a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage - a move he said was needed to stop judges from changing the definition of the "most enduring human institution." "After more than two centuries of American jurisprudence and millennia of human experience, a few judges and local authorities are presuming to change the most fundamental institution of civilization," the president said in urging Congress to approve such an amendment. "Their action has created confusion on an issue that requires clarity."

## ***Thought for the day...***

### **Belief**

The depth of your belief and the strength of your conviction determine the power of your personality.

-- Brian Tracy

## ***Environment...***

### **Scientist Says 'Asian Brown Cloud' Threatens Gulf**

By Andrew Hammond , Reuters

DUBAI (Reuters) - A body of pollution which has been identified in the skies across Asia is now threatening to engulf the Middle East and make the planet a drier place, a leading environmental scientist said on Tuesday.

Veerabhadran Ramanathan, who led 1999 research into what was dubbed the "Asian Brown Cloud," said there was evidence the Gulf region was being sucked into a global pollution circuit moving several miles above ground.

"The Middle East has to be part of our program because here the problem is that the dust and pollution can interact," Ramanathan said on the sidelines of a conference on atmospheric pollution in the Gulf city of Dubai.

"I presumed this region was clean, but the dust haze in the desert is a lot less than here in the city. Then I saw this picture," he said, pointing to aerial shots of a cloud hanging over Dubai, a modern city of skyscrapers on the edge of desert.

"This haze is about 300 meters (yards) above the ground, I would say. It could be coming locally or from several hundred kilometers away," he said, adding no research had been done into the effects of oil refineries along the Gulf coastline.

Ramanathan's team, backed by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), first identified a blanket of chemicals and dust from cars, aerosols and agricultural and industrial waste across most of South Asia in 1999.

The discovery provoked denials from Indian officials who felt India was being singled out as a culprit and was seen by some as vindicating the Bush administration in 2001 when it pulled out of the global Kyoto climate treaty.

Ramanathan, an atmospheric scientist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, said the major contributors to a worldwide circle of pollution were Los Angeles, Delhi, Bombay, Beijing and Cairo.

"Pollution in the eastern United States can go in four or five days to Europe and in a week it goes from Europe to South Asia. This is fast transport which converts a local problem into a regional and global problem," the Indian scientist said.

He and the UNEP have ditched the reference to Asia, now preferring "Atmospheric Brown Cloud" or just "Brown Cloud," he said.

Most scientists studying global warming due to ozone depletion are predicting a warmer but wetter world because of the melting of polar icecaps.

But Ramanathan said he suspected the effect of the shroud of pollution across the globe would be to dry the planet.

"We're interested to see if the planet will be warmer and wetter or warmer and drier. My research suggests a large drying effect, especially in the Tropics," Ramanathan said, referring to the area stretching from South Asia to Africa.

"The haze is reducing sunlight to the oceans and one of the things sunlight does is evaporate water from the ocean which gives us rain in the water cycle," he said.

He said recent research by his team in an agricultural plain running across north India near the Himalayas showed that 10 to 17 percent of sunlight was not reaching the ground.

The team made use of advanced satellite imagery, but the focus of environmental work needed to shift to the processes going on inside the pollution band itself, Ramanathan said.

"We need ground observatories which can probe the atmosphere, which can be integrated with satellite observation...We need to use laser instruments and unmanned aircraft to monitor up to four km (2.5 miles) in the air," he said.

## *Today in History...*

### **February 25, 1964: CLAY TKOS LISTON:**

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COMM) On February 25, 1964, 22-year-old Cassius Clay shocks the odds-makers by dethroning world heavyweight boxing champ Sonny Liston in a seventh-round technical knockout. The dreaded Liston, who had twice demolished former champ Floyd Patterson in one round, was an 8-to-1 favorite. However, Clay predicted victory, boasting that he would "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" and knock out Liston in the eighth round. The fleet-footed and loquacious youngster needed less time to make good on his claim--Liston, complaining of an injured shoulder, failed to answer the seventh-round bell. A few moments later, a new heavyweight champion was proclaimed.

Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. was born in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1942. He started boxing when he was 12 and by age 18 had amassed a record of over 100 wins in amateur competition. In 1959, he won the International Golden Gloves heavyweight title and in 1960 a gold medal in the light heavyweight category at the Summer Olympic Games in Rome. Clay turned professional after the Olympics and went undefeated in his first 19 bouts, earning him the right to challenge Sonny Liston, who had defeated Floyd Patterson in 1962 to win the heavyweight title.

On February 25, 1964, a crowd of 8,300 spectators gathered at the Convention Hall arena in Miami Beach to see if Cassius Clay, who was nicknamed the "Louisville Lip," could put his money where his mouth was. The underdog proved no bragging fraud, and he danced and backpedaled away from Liston's powerful swings while delivering quick and punishing jabs to Liston's head. Liston hurt his shoulder in the first round, injuring some muscles as he swung for and missed his elusive target. By the time he decided to discontinue the bout between the sixth and seventh rounds, he and Clay were about equal in points. A few conjectured that Liston faked the injury and threw the fight, but there was no real evidence, such as a significant change in bidding odds just before the bout, to support this claim.

To celebrate winning the world heavyweight title, Clay went to a private party at a Miami hotel that was attended by his friend Malcolm X, an outspoken leader of the African American Muslim group known as the Nation of Islam. Two days later, a markedly more restrained Clay announced he was joining the Nation of Islam and defended the organization's concept of racial segregation while speaking of the importance of the Muslim religion in his life. Later that year, Clay, who was the descendant of a runaway Kentucky slave, rejected the name originally given to his family by a slave owner and took the Muslim name of Muhammad Ali.

Muhammad Ali would go on to become one of the 20th century's greatest sporting figures, as much for his social and political influence as his prowess in his chosen sport. After successfully defending his title nine times, it was stripped from him in 1967 after he refused induction into the U.S. Army on the grounds that he was a Muslim minister and therefore a conscientious objector. That year, he was sentenced to five years in prison for violating the Selective Service Act but was allowed to remain free as he appealed the decision. His popularity plummeted, but many across the world applauded his bold stand against the Vietnam War.

In 1970, he was allowed to return to the boxing ring, and the next year the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Ali's draft evasion conviction. In 1974, he regained the heavyweight title in a match against George Foreman in Zaire and successfully defended it in a brutal 15-round contest against Joe Frazier in the Philippines in the following year. In 1978, he lost the title to Leon Spinks but later that year defeated Spinks in a rematch, making him the first boxer to win the heavyweight title three times. He retired in 1979 but returned to the ring twice in the early 1980s. He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990.

### **Reenlistment bonus available until soldiers depart theater**

Currently, more than 1,400 soldiers have taken advantage of the deployed force reenlistment bonus since October. Soldiers must understand the bonus is no longer available once they redeploy to their home station.

The most frequently asked question from soldiers is "how long am I eligible for the reenlistment bonus?"

The answer is simple: once a soldier leaves Iraq, Afghanistan, or Kuwait, the lump sum tax-free bonus no longer exists.

As we begin to redeploy, our Career Counselors and key retention personnel will become much less accessible as they will be spread thin throughout Iraq, Kuwait, and Germany.

Soldiers eligible for this incentive are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity well in advance of their expected redeployment date. Soldiers should contact their Career Counselors who are standing by to assist our Iron Soldiers in continuing to serve proudly and "Stay Army."

For more information, contact your career counselor.

- Command Career Counselor: SGM James Jaranowski, 551-9405
- Retention Operations NCO: MSG Gary Schoolfield, 551-9405
- 1st Brigade: SFC Burke, Martyrs' Monument, 550-7027
- 2nd Brigade: SSG Gibson, Presidential Palace, 551-2010
- 4th Brigade: MSG Wolfe, 551-6620
- DIVARTY: SFC Hilton, 551-7030
- DIVENG: MSG Collier, 551-6131
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00:00	THE HOT LIST		INTRODUCING DOROTHY DANDRIDGE	TODAY		00:00
00:15		HEADLINE NEWS				00:15
00:30	SPORTSCENTER				NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	00:30
00:45		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO				00:45
01:00	AROUND THE HORN				LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION					01:30
01:45		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:45
02:00	SPORTSCENTER		CINEMA SECRETS : - WHEN FANTASY BECOMES REALITY	SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30			EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES		NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
02:45		ESPNEWS				02:45
03:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: UCONN @ ST. JOHN'S	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: MICHIGAN STATE @ MICHIGAN	ROCKET POWER : - THE BACK BOWL/ GAME DAY	BLUE'S CLUES - THE BABY'S HERE!	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - BART VS. THANKSGIVING	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	MSNBC	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - CLAIR'S TOE			04:30
05:00	NBA FASTBREAK TUESDAY	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC: ALABAMA @ AUBURN	ALLY MCBEAL : - THE LAST VIRGIN	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION : - THE QUALITY OF LIFE	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00	AFL - DALLAS DESPERADOS @ NEW YORK DRAGONS	HEADLINE NEWS	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL : - SUBMARINES, MIRACLE MATERIAL, AND RADAR	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	SUICIDE MISSIONS : - ARMY RANGERS		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00		SESAME STREET	ABSENCE OF MALICE	BETWEEN THE LIONS : - PIGS APLENTY	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30				THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS : - HYPNO-BIRTHDAY TO YOU/HALL MONSTER		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	BLUE'S CLUES - THE BABY'S HERE!		A WALK IN YOUR SHOES	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		STRANGE DAYS AT BLAKE HOLSEY HIGH (TV-7): - FATE		10:30
11:00	NHL - BOSTON BRUINS @ NY ISLANDERS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER : - THE BACK BOWL/ GAME DAY	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
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12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - BART VS. THANKSGIVING	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
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13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30	SPORTSCENTER			THE SIMPLE LIFE		13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION : - THE QUALITY OF LIFE	THE BACHELORETTE II	CNN DAYBREAK	14:00
14:30	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC: ALABAMA @ AUBURN	TODAY	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL : - SUBMARINES, MIRACLE MATERIAL, AND RADAR	THE OC : - THE PERFECT COUPLE	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
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18:00	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	A WALK IN YOUR SHOES			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	NBA FASTBREAK	STRANGE DAYS AT BLAKE HOLSEY HIGH (TV-7): - FATE		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER : - THE BACK BOWL/ GAME DAY	CASPER		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS			19:30
20:00	TOTALLY NASCAR	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - BART VS. THANKSGIVING		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
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20:45				ALIEN		20:45
21:00	NBA FASTBREAK	THE PARKERS : - SHE'S A BAD MAMMA JAMMA	AMERICAN IDOL		FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
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22:00	PGA TOUR - WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS - ACCENTURE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP	THE BACHELORETTE II	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION : - THE QUALITY OF LIFE		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
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